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Customer No. 22,852  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Giacomo ROBA et al.

Application No.: 09/986,622

Filed: November 9, 2001

For: METHOD AND INDUCTION  
FURNACE FOR DRAWING  
LARGE DIAMETER PREFORMS  
TO OPTICAL FIBRES

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) Group Art Unit: 1731  
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) Examiner: J. Derrington  
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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to reply to the Office  
Action of September 26, 2002. A fee of \$400.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge  
any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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